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S.D. COUNTY AWARDED \$4.8 MILLION TO HELP HOMELESS

11 Projects Funded, Including Assistance for Veterans, Domestic Violence Victims

San Diego County has been awarded more than \$4.8 million from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to fund both permanent and temporary housing for homeless people in the region.

The County Department of Housing and Community Development took the lead in submitting the application, which covers projects in both the unincorporated areas and local cities, except for the city of San Diego. Government agencies and private nonprofit groups worked together to identify the most pressing needs for assisting the homeless. This regional effort has helped bring approximately \$100 million in federal homeless funding to San Diego County over the past 11 years.

This year's County award includes funding for 11 projects sponsored by Alpha Project; Crisis House; Mental Health Systems; Interfaith Community Services (two projects); Community HousingWorks (two projects); Vietnam Veterans of San Diego; North County Serenity House; and St. Clare's Home. Also included is funding to support a new permanent housing project for victims of domestic violence and other special needs populations. That project is funded by Shelter Plus Care and sponsored by the Kurdish Human Rights Watch.

These programs include beds and services for the severely mentally ill, shelter and services for veterans in North and East County, shelter and services for women and children who are victims of domestic violence, and individuals suffering from disabilities.

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